

27 WHEREAS, the JLARC study further noted that if four key assumptions in the state's current
28 evacuation plan do not hold, "timely hurricane evacuations could be compromised," placing citizens at
29 risk after the storm; and

30 WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 16 and Senate Joint Resolution 3 (2014) established the Joint
31 Subcommittee to Formulate Recommendations to Address Recurrent Flooding as recommended by the
32 VIMS report; and

33 WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittee to Address Recurrent Flooding met four times during the
34 2014 interim to collect information from federal and state agencies, localities, and stakeholders and to
35 carry out its work; and

36 WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittee to Address Recurrent Flooding filed an executive summary
37 with the General Assembly prior to the 2015 Session, which included five initial recommendations to
38 increase public awareness, improve local and state government agency resiliency coordination, and
39 address floodplain management; and

40 WHEREAS, recommendations made by the Joint Subcommittee to Address Recurrent Flooding
41 during the 2014 interim resulted in six bills passing the General Assembly with bipartisan support during
42 the 2015 Session; and

43 WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittee to Address Recurrent Flooding met four times during the
44 2015 interim to collect information from federal and state agencies, localities, and stakeholders and to
45 carry out its work; and

46 WHEREAS, the members of the full Joint Subcommittee to Address Recurrent Flooding concurred
47 that the joint subcommittee be continued for two more years with a name change to the Joint
48 Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding to more accurately reflect its mission and to continue the
49 Commonwealth on the path of advancing Virginia as the coastal states' leader in advancing resiliency
50 strategies and, most importantly, protecting its citizens and business assets; and

51 WHEREAS, pursuant to House Joint Resolution 84 and Senate Joint Resolution 58 (2016), the
52 Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding continued its work during the 2016 and 2017 interims and
53 brought forth additional recommendations for the 2018 Session; and

54 WHEREAS, pursuant to House Joint Resolution 26 and Senate Joint Resolution 19 (2018), the
55 Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding continued its work during the 2018 and 2019 interims and
56 brought forth additional recommendations for the 2020 Session; and

57 WHEREAS, pursuant to House Joint Resolution 102 and Senate Joint Resolution 27 (2020), the
58 Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding continued its work during the 2020 and 2021 interims and will
59 bring forth additional recommendations for the 2022 Session; and

60 WHEREAS, the members of the joint subcommittee concur that the work of the joint
61 subcommittee be continued for two additional years; now, therefore, be it

62 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Joint Subcommittee on
63 Coastal Flooding be continued. The joint subcommittee shall have a total membership of 11 members that
64 shall consist of five members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of
65 Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the
66 House of Delegates; three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and three
67 nonlegislative citizen members, one of whom shall be a business leader and one of whom shall be a
68 representative of the environmental community appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and
69 one of whom shall be a local official representing Virginia's flood-prone communities appointed by the
70 Senate Committee on Rules. Nonlegislative citizen members of the joint subcommittee shall be citizens
71 of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The current members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
72 Delegates shall be subject to reappointment. The current members appointed by the Senate Committee on
73 Rules shall continue to serve until replaced. Vacancies shall be filled by the original appointing authority.
74 Unless otherwise approved in writing by the chairman of the joint subcommittee and the respective Clerk,
75 nonlegislative citizen members shall only be reimbursed for travel originating and ending within the
76 Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of attending meetings. If a companion joint resolution of the
77 other chamber is agreed to, written authorization of both Clerks shall be required. The joint subcommittee
78 shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership, who shall be members of the
79 General Assembly.

80 In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall recommend short-term and long-term
81 strategies for minimizing the impact of recurrent flooding and coastal storms.

82 Administrative staff support shall continue to be provided by the Office of the Clerk of the House
83 of Delegates. Legal, research, policy analysis, and other services as requested by the joint subcommittee
84 shall continue to be provided by the Division of Legislative Services. Technical assistance shall continue
85 to be provided by faculty at Virginia institutions of higher education who have expertise in the subject
86 matter. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee for this
87 study, upon request.

88 The joint subcommittee shall be limited to four meetings for the 2022 interim and four meetings
89 for the 2023 interim, and the direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$18,640 for each year without
90 approval as set out in this resolution. Approval for unbudgeted nonmember-related expenses shall require
91 the written authorization of the chairman of the joint subcommittee and the respective Clerk. If a
92 companion joint resolution of the other chamber is agreed to, written authorization of both Clerks shall be
93 required.

94 No recommendation of the joint subcommittee shall be adopted if a majority of the House members
95 or a majority of the Senate members appointed to the joint subcommittee (i) vote against the
96 recommendation and (ii) vote for the recommendation to fail notwithstanding the majority vote of the
97 joint subcommittee.

98 The joint subcommittee shall complete its meetings for the first year by November 30, 2022, and
99 for the second year by November 30, 2023, and the chairman shall submit to the Division of Legislative
100 Automated Systems an executive summary of its findings and recommendations no later than the first day
101 of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly for each year. Each executive summary shall state
102 whether the joint subcommittee intends to submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a report of
103 its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive
104 summaries and reports shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative
105 Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the
106 General Assembly's website.

107 Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint
108 Rules Committee. The Committee may approve or disapprove expenditures for this study, extend or delay
109 the period for the conduct of the study, or authorize additional meetings during the 2022 and 2023 interims.

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